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2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5 -v-  
6 PHILLIP KENNER

7 August 2009  
8 : Special  
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10 Peca confirms  
11 knowledge of loans  
12 to Jowdy from  
13 Hawaii investors  
14 "as a group" --  
15 Pages 30-33, 35,  
16 40, 42, and 45...

17 UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
18 500 Pearl Street  
19 New York, New York 10007

20 March 29, 2011  
21 10:20 a.m.

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2 (Colloquy Precedes.)

3 (Witness Enters Room.)

4 (Time Noted: 10:20 a.m.)

5 MICHAEL PECA, called as a witness, having been

6 first duly sworn by the Foreperson of the  
7 Grand Jury, was examined and testified as  
8 follows:

9 BY MR. DEVLIN-BROWN:

10 Q Please state an spell your full name for the  
11 record.

12 A Michael, M-I-C-H-A-E-L, Anthony, A-N-T-H-O-N-Y,  
13 Peca, P-E-C-A.

14 Q Mr. Peca, I'm an Assistant United States  
15 Attorney -- my name is Arlo Devlin-Brown -- that just  
16 means I'm a federal prosecutor.

17 You've been subpoenaed to testify to this Grand  
18 Jury about potential violations of federal law,  
19 including laws relating to securities fraud, bank fraud,  
20 other types of fraud offenses.

21 If this Grand Jury uncovers evidence of  
22 criminal activity it can return indictments on those  
23 charges or any other charges of federal law that it  
24 finds evidence of.

25 I want to advise, you first of all, I'm sure  
26 you know this, you're not a target or subject of this

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2 Grand Jury inquiry. You've been subpoenaed solely  
3 because we believe you may have information relevant to  
4 it as a witness. I wanted to give you some piece of  
5 mind there and explain that to you.

6 You did receive, I guess, from your lawyer a  
7 subpoena for today; is that correct, Mr. Peca?

8 A Did I get it from him?

9 Q Yes.

10 A No, to my home in Buffalo.

11 Q Okay. We're going to get started in a few  
12 minutes. I'll give you an overview of things I'll talk  
13 about, I'll ask you questions about your background,  
14 then we're going to ask you questions about various  
15 financial investments that you've made, some of the  
16 people you've entrusted with money, and go over some  
17 documents as well. Okay?

18 A Okay.

19 Q Before I do that I want to advise you of rights  
20 and responsibilities you have before the Grand Jury,  
21 just so you understand how it works. I'm sure you may  
22 have gone over some of these things with your attorney,  
23 but it's a good idea to do it on the record as well.  
24 Okay?

25 A Okay.

26 Q So, first of all I'm sure you understand when

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2 have a right not to incriminate yourself. Do you  
3 understand that?

4 A I do.

5 Q So if you believe that a truthful answer to a  
6 question would incriminate you, you have the right to  
7 refuse to answer that question. Do you understand?

8 A I do.

9 Q Do you understand that your testimony is taken  
10 down here by a court reporter?

11 A I do.

12 Q You're not recording this yourself in any way?

13 A No, they took everything I had at the front  
14 door.

15 Q They do it to the Grand Jurors too.

16 So you understand then that the testimony taken  
17 down can be used in any kind of proceeding?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Do you have an attorney representing you in  
20 this matter?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Who is your attorney?

23 A Ronald Richards.

24 Q Does he represent anyone else connected to  
25 these issues?

26 A The other two gentlemen here today, Turner

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2 Stevenson and Darryl Sydor.

3 Q Do you know if he now or previously represented  
4 anyone else connected to this Grand Jury's inquiry?

5 A Not that I'm aware of.

6 Q Do you know, for example, if he's represented  
7 Phillip Kenner?

8 A I believe he has.

9 Q Do you have any understanding as to whether he  
10 continues to represent him?

11 A That I'm not sure.

12 Q As you probably were told, your attorney is not  
13 allowed inside of the Grand Jury room. But I want to  
14 advise you that if you want to talk to him at any point,  
15 whether because there is a particular question or if you  
16 need to go to the bathroom -- you don't to talk to him  
17 for that -- let us know and let the Foreperson know and  
18 she'll give you a break.

19 A Great.

20 Q Do you understand that you're required to give  
21 truthful, non-misleading testimony to this Grand Jury?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Do you understand that if you make any false  
24 statements or give misleading testimony under oath, you  
25 could be prosecuted for perjury or making false  
26 declarations to a Grand Jury?

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A Yes, I do.

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Q Do you understand everything that I've asked you so far?

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A I have.

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Q Let me advise you of one other thing before we start. The Grand Jury proceedings are secret. No one in this room, with the exception of you, is allowed to reveal what you've said, here absent a court authorizing it. So your testimony is secret. You can share it with whoever you want, but no one else will know what your testimony is unless you do so or a court orders it.

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A If I tell my wife, it's not a big deal?

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Q It's up to you.

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Who knows that you're testifying here today?

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A Who else knows, just my wife and the guys that are in the other room.

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Q Does Phil Kenner know?

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A I believe he does, yes.

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Q Why do you believe he knows?

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A I think he was scheduled to come and speak to somebody and it was postponed because of this proceeding today.

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Q Let's go over -- start with a little background about yourself. Where are you born?

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A I was born in a suburb of Toronto, Ontario,

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Peca does not say "BECAUSE Kenner prepped me last night on the phone for this testimony" -- like he misled the EDNY court 4 years later (2015)...

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2 Canada.

3 Q You're a Canadian then?

4 A Dual citizen, I live in Buffalo, New York and a  
5 U.S. citizen as well.

6 Q You've had a long career in hockey?

7 A Played 15 years.

8 Q Where did you start your hockey career?

9 A I started in Vancouver, British Columbia, then  
10 spent time in Buffalo, New York, New York Islanders,  
11 Edmonton, Toronto and Columbus.

12 Q Have you played in the NHL at some point?

13 A That was the 15 years, yes.

14 Q All 15 was in NHL?

15 A Yes.

16 Q What are you doing presently?

17 A Presently I do some on-air analysis work up in  
18 Toronto for NHL. I sit on various charitable boards,  
19 and coach youth hockey.

20 Q Where do you coach youth hockey?

21 A In Buffalo.

22 Q Let's start off with Phil Kenner, when did you  
23 first meet Mr. Kenner?

24 A I first met Phil Kenner from my first agent I  
25 had when I turned professional, Anton Thun, either in  
26 '95 or '96, my first year in Buffalo. I believe there

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2 was a meeting at my house. I had started making a lot  
3 of money at that point and wanted to get into a program  
4 where I was budgeting myself and responsible with my  
5 money. So I was introduced to him; I think several of  
6 Anton Thun's clients were. And then we started working  
7 a relationship from that point on.

8 Q Did you come to any agreement with him at that  
9 meeting or shortly after with Mr. Kenner about what  
10 services he performed for you?

11 A I'm sure I did, yes, I don't recall the exact  
12 transaction but I started working with him. I'm sure  
13 that took place before.

14 Q What was it in general that he started doing  
15 for you.

16 A Just helping me manage money, budget myself,  
17 and trying help me secure a future.

18 Q Does that mean he would sort of have access to  
19 your bank accounts and would tell you, give you the  
20 money to use and say you need to spend more or less?

21 A Not my savings or checking account. But it was  
22 a case where I believe at the time it might have been  
23 Wells Fargo was the bank that held, whether it was  
24 investing in Pepsi Cola or whatever it was. And my  
25 paychecks would go there and I would get wired to my  
26 account from those paychecks whatever I needed to pay

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2 utilities and daily expenses, things of that nature. I  
3 didn't have an abundance of money in my checking account  
4 that would force me to want to spend it.

5 Q You would have in your checking and savings  
6 account your day-to-day living expenses. Then stuff you  
7 were putting away for the long-term in some other  
8 account?

9 A      Correct.

10 Q This other account was one that Phil Kenner  
11 managed?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did he have any kind of company when he  
14 started?

15       A    At the time I believe he was working with State  
16      Street Capital out of Boston. I think that was the  
17      house. There was a gentleman I dealt with there, I  
18      can't remember his name though, it was State Street  
19      Capital in Boston.

20 Q Would you get statements on what the investment  
21 account was in?

22 A Every month.

23 Q What kind of authority did -- let's start at  
24 the beginning -- did Phil Kenner have authority in terms  
25 of how he could invest that money in that account?

26 A I won't say a full autonomy, but he had power

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2 of attorney to help me. If I needed to send money, he  
3 could do it on my behalf.

4 Q What if he had an investment idea? To take  
5 your example, buy Pepsi Cola, was that something he  
6 needed to check with you first to see if you wanted to  
7 do it, or did he have authority to just make investment  
8 decisions on your behalf?

9 A I think when it comes to that level of  
10 investing, whether money goes to Pepsi or Disney, I  
11 didn't need to know the details. I didn't have  
12 experience in that area.

13 Q Do you still use Phil Kenner as an investment  
14 adviser?

15 A I don't. I've been retired for two years and  
16 Greenberg Gram out in California handles that stuff.

17 Q How long has Greenberg Gram been handling --

18 A They've managed my account for quite a few  
19 years now.

20 Q How did Mr. Kenner, to your knowledge, earn  
21 money for performing these services for you? What was  
22 your arrangement?

23 A There was a percent, I can't remember the exact  
24 amount, about \$50,000 a year. The reason I stopped  
25 using him, because I was done I had started handling my  
26 own insurance issues, mortgage issues. When I was

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2 playing I didn't have the time or the ability to do a  
3 lot of that myself. He was able to do a lot of that for  
4 me. It just got to the point where my wife and I were  
5 able to do that stuff. We didn't require the services  
6 so we ceased the relationship.

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Q When was that?

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A Two, three years ago.

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Q Was it a flat fee or?

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A Percentage-based, it worked out to about 12,500

11 a quarter.

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Q Was it a percentage of the money that he had,  
13 that he was managing for you?

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A Correct.

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Q Did he get any additional money, as far as you  
16 know? If he made transactions with the money would he  
17 get a percentage?

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A No, not that I'm aware of.

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Q Do you know if he ever put your money into  
20 projects where he had a personal interest?

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A No. More than -- other personal interest as  
22 far as him getting a kickback-type scenario?

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Q I mean him investing your money into say a  
24 company he owned or that he had some kind of ownership  
25 in?

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A No.

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2 Q You're not aware of any situation?

3 A No.

4 Q What about what you were talking about,  
5 kickback scenario?

6 A Not that I'm aware of.

7 Q Some of your money just going to just stocks  
8 and bonds?

9 A Primarily.

10 Q What about other types of investments that  
11 Mr. Kenner made for you?

12 A I didn't start getting into outside the stock  
13 market and bonds until it was about 2002, 2003.

14 Q What happened in 2002, 2003?

15 A I made my first investment in a company  
16 TechNeck. The president at the time was Bob Thompson.  
17 And it was a telecommunications company that basically  
18 put cable lines into schools for educational purposes.  
19 That was my first venture outside of the stock market.

20 Q Who recommended Tech Connect to you?

21 A Phil Kenner brought the idea to me.

22 Q How much money did you invest into it?

23 A \$250,000.

24 Q Are you aware of whether the investment made  
25 money or not?

26 A It was promising at the start. Unfortunately,

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2 the war took place and Federal funding dried up for  
3 educational funding. The company was acquired by Dime  
4 Tech.

5 Q What happened to your investment, did you get  
6 any of it back?

7 A No, we did not.

8 Q What is the next sort of company that you  
9 invested in?

10 A In chronological order --

11 Q If you can't do chronological.

12 A I can't recall now.

13 Q Forget the next one, what are some of the other  
14 ones that you invested in?

15 A Impact was a protective equipment company based  
16 out of New Jersey. Then we started getting into some  
17 real estate ventures.

18 Q Let's talk about Impact a little bit. Who  
19 recommended that to you?

20 A A gentleman by the name of Tim Garn, who I met  
21 in New York.

22 Q How did you meet Tim Garn?

23 A Acquaintance of mine, guys that played football  
24 at University of Maryland knew the guy, Mark Monica, who  
25 is, I think he worked for Rye Dell Protective Equipment.  
26 He's an engineer who came up with a product, thinner,

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more stream-lined equipment. And, again, the concept seemed pretty good, quite a demand for it. Something I was interested in getting involved with.

5 Q Protective equipment, what are you talking  
6 about?

7 A Football shoulder pads.

8 Q Did Phil Kenner have anything to do with that  
9 investment?

10           A    I don't know to what level, no.  I know he  
11  was -- I would talk to him about it because he was my  
12  adviser at the time.

13 Q Did you bring him the company as an idea or did  
14 he bring it to you?

15 A He had a relationship with Tim Garn at the time  
16 or got to know him at that point.

17 8 How much did you invest in Impact3

18 A \$100,000 at the time

19 Q Did you invest more later?

20           A    I believe I put in another \$100,000 a year or  
21           two later.

23           A    That was early after the TechNeck investment,  
24   so maybe 2003-ish. I was still in Long Island, New York  
25   at the time.

26 | Q What happened to that investment?

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2 A I just got a notice probably four months ago  
3 that they weren't paying the rent and the doors were  
4 locked shut on them.

5 Q Before we get to real estate, any other  
6 companies that you remember investing in through Phil  
7 Kenner?

8 A No, not at the time.

9 Q You invested in real estate deals as well?

10 A I did.

11 Q Before we get into them in detail, just go over  
12 each one so I know what we're talking about. What are  
13 the real estate deals?

14 A In chronological order there was El Rosario in  
15 Baha, Mexico.

16 Q Did that have any other names?

17 A Demonte Delmar.

18 Q That was the first one?

19 A Correct.

20 Q What was the next one?

21 A Next one was in Hawaii.

22 Q What about Cabo San Lucas?

23 A That was after that, yes.

24 Q Next one is that Hawaii?

25 A Correct, Demonte Cabo San Lucas.

26 Q San Lucas is not Hawaii?

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2 A No, that's not Hawaii; the other Mexico one.

3 Q Hawaii is which one?

4 A Little Isle.

5 Q Was it Little Isle IV?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Any others in Hawaii?

8 A No.

9 Q Any other real estate projects?

10 A Not that I can recall.

11 Q Any other investments at all that you can  
12 recall through Phil Kenner other than the two companies  
13 you mentioned, the three real estate deals, and of  
14 course just buying stock and bonds things of that  
15 nature?

16 A This would be a good time to speak to my lawyer  
17 to help me refresh. I know there is a couple, I don't  
18 want to miss them.

19 MR. DEVLIN-BROWN: That's fine.

20 THE FOREPERSON: You're excused.

21 (Witness Temporarily Excused.)

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2 (Colloquy Precedes.)

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5 THE FOREPERSON: I remind you, you are still  
6 under oath.

7 BY MR. DEVLIN-BROWN:

8 Q Mr. Peca, you said you needed to speak with  
9 your attorney to see if it prompted your memory on any  
10 companies?

11 A Yes. Two other ones, one at that time was  
12 small investment in a kind of technology company but  
13 more of a gaming company. It was Code Fire to start  
14 then Technique Digital Arts. As well as -- I think that  
15 was it.

16 Q One other company was Technique Digital Arts?

17 A Yes

18 Q Who brought that to your attention?

19 A It was presented to me by Phil.

20 Q How much money did you invest?

21 A \$116,000, something like that.

22 Q What happened to that investment?

23 A It didn't work out.

24 Q When did you make that investment?

25 A It round the same time, 2004, 2005. I want to  
26 say they were my very much -- they were presented to me.

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On all of them, through all the times, I made the final  
decision. I may have not done as much due diligence  
that some may have done. It's not like I had to say yes  
or forced. I made the decision to say, yeah, I want to  
do that. Based on the money I was making at the time it  
didn't bother me to invest those kinds of dollars.

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Q For any of these three companies you mentioned  
did, since you were making the investment decision  
yourself, did you receive materials from the companies  
how your investment would be used? What the plans were  
for?

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A I would get updates on the plans. To say -- I  
mean, it was a long time ago. I can't remember if I got  
all the documents for all the companies, but I was  
getting, I would get updated from time to time, sure.

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Q That's after you made the investment?

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A Correct.

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Q Before you made the investment did you receive  
any materials from the companies, memos, brochures,  
anything that would guide you in making your investment  
decision?

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A Some I did, some I didn't.

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Q Do you remember any you did?

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A I remember getting Impact, getting information  
background on the founder of the product, Mark Monica,

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2 who developed the product. That one in particular  
3 allowed me to make a decision that I was comfortable  
4 with.

5 Q Were you buying stock in the companies or do  
6 you know?

7 A We were making investment in getting a share in  
8 the company.

9 Q Let's talk about the real estate -- before we  
10 do that. Your investment account or accounts what banks  
11 have you had those funds out over the years?

12 A I believe just the two -- I'm not sure. State  
13 Street back in the time if it was Wells Fargo. Then it  
14 was Wells Fargo a long time. Now it's at Schwab.

15 Q That holds what kind of money at Schwab?

16 A Just all my investment accounts, stuff like  
17 that, stocks, bonds.

18 Q Cash?

19 A Yes. There is a cash portion to it, yes.

20 Q That money used to be at State Street and/or  
21 Wells Fargo?

22 A State Street was the manager of the account,  
23 and whether it was State Street bank, it might have  
24 been, I can't remember. It was a long time ago.

25 Q Then it got moved to Schwab?

26 A Correct.

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A The people managing the account were leaving State Street, so then I started using a company Asante. Phil, who is my adviser, moved over to Asante Global. I think at the time formed a relationship based out of Winnipeg. Any ways, the accounts came together and a company was Asante. I think that's when it went into the Wells Fargo account.

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Q You mean it went into the Schwab account?

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A No, the Wells Fargo. After State Street it was Wells Fargo then Schwab. It's in Schwab currently.

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Q When did it go to Schwab?

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A I don't know.

15

Q Do you know why it went to Schwab?

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A Maybe just because it was a different manager of the account, maybe their accounts were in a different bank. I'm into the sure.

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Q Let's talk about some of the real estate. The first one El Rosario, as you refer to it?

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A Demonte Delmar it's more known as.

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Q Let's call it Delmar, which just means by the ocean?

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A "Diamond by the sea."

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Q Who brought the "Diamond by the sea" to your attention?

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A It was presented to me in conversation briefly by Phil. I have a passion for golf and for development at the time. At the time he brought it to me I signed a five-year, 25 million-dollar contract. I grew up in a family with no money so now was an opportunity to do some of the things I thought would be fun and adventurous. He told me how he was introduced to a gentleman Ken Jowdy, who owned land in El Rosario and was looking for charter members. And we made an investment as a charter member for that particular development.

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Q What was El Rosario?

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A El Rosario was the town in Baha.

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Q In Baha, California?

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A Correct, north Baha.

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Q Tell the Grand Jurors where that is?

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A About an hour south of San Diego I think.

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Q Only an hour?

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A I think so.

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Q By car?

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A I flew in on a small plane. I'm not sure the how long the car ride is. The roads are not that easy in that part of town.

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Q Did you fly in to make the investment or after?

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A After.

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2 Q What was the status of the development at the  
3 time you made the investment?

4 A Piece of property that was in good shape and it  
5 was appraised by KPMG at a good value. And if anything,  
6 it was potential. It was a beautiful piece of property  
7 on the Pacific Ocean.

8 Q How much did you invest in it?

9 A The charter member initiate was \$500,000.

10 Q Did you receive documents when you made the  
11 investment stating what you would be getting in return?

12 A Yes.

13 Q What did it say you would get in return?

14 A It was broken down in different ways. It was  
15 \$300,000 portion was for a lot that the charter member  
16 had the ability to sell back to the development and get  
17 \$300,000 back. A time-share portion of villas going to  
18 be built, things to that nature.

19 Q What did you -- when did you put in the  
20 \$500,000?

21 A It was early 2003 or late 2002.

22 Q How did you do it actually, did you wire money  
23 somewhere?

24 A I wired money.

25 Q From which account?

26 A I think at the time it was the Wells Fargo

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2 account.

3 Q When you say you wired, did other people have  
4 access to the account?

5 A They did, but I had to approve everything that  
6 what went out of the account; nobody could make  
7 transactions without my approval.

8 Q You said you visited the property, how many  
9 times have you visited?

10 A Just the one time.

11 Q When was that in relation to when you made the  
12 investment?

13 A Trying to think of the year, I was at the  
14 National Hockey League Players in San Diego and flew in  
15 from there, I think June 2005.

16 Q What prompted the trip?

17 A I was just down there and wanted to set up an  
18 opportunity to go down and see it.

19 Q Who did you go there with?

20 A With Phil, Phil Kenner.

21 Q How did you get there?

22 A The development itself had a plane out of San  
23 Diego and a pilot that would fly perspective buyers or  
24 investors down there.

25 Q Was there an airport?

26 A Airport strip built on the property. One of

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2 the first things done there. It's on top of the Mesa,  
3 which sits about 600 feet above sea level.

4 Q So you went on the developer's plane, went on  
5 the developer's air strip, what else was going on at the  
6 development?

7 A There was stakes in the ground where potential  
8 holes and tee boxes may be. There were a couple of  
9 homes by the water inhabited by squatters, who were  
10 moved out. And employees for the project that were down  
11 there basically take perspective buyers or investors  
12 down there and showing them the property. We hopped on  
13 the four-wheelers and looked over the property.

14 Q Did you spend the night there?

15 A I did not.

16 Q Was there anywhere to spend the night?

17 A There were homes in the area if we wanted to,  
18 but I flew back. My wife and son were in the hotel in  
19 San Diego.

20 Q Were the homes built by the developer?

21 A Pre-existing homes.

22 Q Meant to be torn down eventually?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Had anything actually built --

25 A No.

26 Q -- by the developer?

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2 A No.

3 Q Do you know if that's changed to this day?

4 A Nothing has changed. Having said that, I know  
5 that when you invest in real estate development there is  
6 no quick return. It could be a lengthy process.

7 Q To your knowledge what is the status of the  
8 project today?

9 A As far as the status of that project today,  
10 it's on hold. I don't want to jump ahead, I'm sure  
11 you're going to ask about Cabo San Lucas, but that  
12 portion of the project put the northern project on hold  
13 because Cabo got hot and that was able to used to  
14 cross-market the northern property. So the focus was  
15 shifted from north to the south. Delmonte Delmar and El  
16 Rosario in north Baha would shift to Cabo in south Baha.

17 Q Let's talk about the San Lucas project. When  
18 did you invest in that one?

19 A I can't remember the exact year, it was later  
20 on in 2000s, mid to late 2000s.

21 Q Who brought that to your attention?

22 A Phil, always the same group of guys, same  
23 investment group from the other one.

24 Q What was the pitch as to why it was a good  
25 investment?

26 A Cabo was hot. Cabo San Lucas is a much more

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2 desired destination than a town El Rosario which there  
3 is no easy access. The thought was, it was an easier  
4 way to get a development going. And maybe, I guess, the  
5 thought process they did at time is they did fly them to  
6 the north to show them the Demonte brand up north.

7 Q I see. Was it your understanding that the San  
8 Lucas project was starting in part because the other one  
9 wasn't going anywhere?

10 A That wasn't my impression of that. It was  
11 more, things aren't going as quickly as they would have  
12 liked up north. The real estate market is slowly  
13 starting to cool. They figured the sales would be  
14 hotter in a destination in the south so they focused  
15 there.

16 Q I'm not sure I understand the cross marketing.  
17 If the south is a more desirable location, you got  
18 people looking at south how does that help sell the  
19 place up north?

20 A In these destinations -- it's a unique buyer.  
21 I don't think -- some people might like a lot of the  
22 action like in Cabo and those people would be attracted  
23 to that. But they are down there and got to see north,  
24 maybe there are people who are little more private and  
25 reserved. It's a quite location, then it would appeal  
26 to them. It was just a personality-based thing.

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Q How much money did you put into San Lucas?

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A 200,000.

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Q We're talking about 2004 somewhere around  
there?

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A Maybe a little later than 2004.

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Q 2005?

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A Maybe five or six.

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Q What were you going to get in return?

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A It was the -- we were still business partners  
with Mr. Jowdy, the managing partner of the projects.  
It was kind of the same thing we got in. The difference  
is in the northern property we were told he owned the  
land, we were becoming charter members for the  
investment. In the south our money was going, money was  
going to purchasing the property. So the investments  
were a little different, both places had the same idea.

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Q Did you get any documents on that property as  
to what your investment was?

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A No. At the time we're all business partners,  
so we'll get it in due time.

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Q What happened with of that investment?

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A That investment, what went on there is probably  
why we're here today. I've never gotten any clear  
understanding of what was going on. After we purchased  
the property --

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the other investors cannot  
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the other investors cannot  
get any info from Jowdy...

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Q You say "we" who do you mean by we?

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A Our investment group, everybody involved in it.

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I'm not sure who everybody is.

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Q Did it have a name your investment group?

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A It does, I can't remember it now. But

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basically we closed on the land negotiations immediately  
started with Lehman Brothers to fund the real estate  
loan for the project.

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Q And did you get the loan?

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A Yes, \$129 million loan to develop the property.

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Q What happened then?

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A That's the question we're looking to get from  
Mr. Jowdy, where the \$129 million went. To only get a  
golf course with \$129 million real estate loan, where  
was that money spent, if know only a golf course exists  
on the property.

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Q Have you gone down and visited the property?

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A I have not gone down to Cabo.

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Q Where is your source of information?

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A Other lawsuits that are going on, I get updated  
on information. I mean as of now there -- I guess the  
golf course is a nice one. They are getting greens fees  
that's subsidizing the property on a daily basis.

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Q Your understanding is still there is just a  
golf course at this point and some lawsuits?

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Peca info coming  
from attorneys  
representing him in  
various litigation --  
not just Kenner...

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A No vertical development as all.

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Q Let's talk about Little Isle IV. What was that investment?

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A That again was a land acquisition deal. An old sugar cane farm, I think southwest or east of the big island.

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Q In Hawaii?

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A Correct.

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Q Who brought that to your attention?

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A That was Phil Kenner who brought me that one.

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Q What was supposed to happen with this project?

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A It was a same thing where Lehman Brothers were involved in a potential loan. We were going to buy some land and we were going to start some development fairly quickly.

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Q When you say "we", is this the same we in the San Lucas property?

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A I don't know if all the same people were involved in that or not. I never cared to know who was involved. If I knew -- I wanted to get involved, I wasn't concerned about the others.

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Q Who put together the group?

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A Phil Ken.

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Q Was Jowdy involved in the Hawaii property as well?

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A I don't believe he was.

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Q Do you know who the developer was in Hawaii?

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A I can't remember the name. I know there is a managing partner, Allan Warden, was Dan supposed to be involved.

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Q How much money did you put in Little Isle IV?

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A \$100,000 cash investment that was going to go towards that. Then we had lines of credit. I had one out for \$1.7 million that was going to be used at the time. Here's where a lot of the cross starts to happen.

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A short-term loan to Mr. Jowdy, because at the time Cabo -- we hadn't gotten the lending from Lehman Brothers yet. We made a short-term loan until the lending came in. Once the lending came through they were to pay back the loan, I think in the neighborhood of five-and-a-half million dollars, on the closing. It was never paid back. And then communication basically seized at that point from him.

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That was kind of the whole sticking point as far as me and the other guys with Mr. Jowdy.

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Q I think we'll need to slow down and walk through that in more detail, because I'm a little confused.

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This \$1.7 million line of credit that was for the Mexican project or Little Isle IV?

Peca verifies his 1.7mm LOC and use as well as LOANS to Jowdy from the Hawaii investor group...

Peca confirms loan to PARTNER, Jowdy, and NOTHING to be worried about at the time...

Peca confirms his 1.7mm and 100k cash were both in his Capital Account

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A It was for -- you're right, we're ahead.

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The 1.7 along with the \$100,000 and whatever else put in this a Capital account, Little Isle IV I believe. That Capital account was loaned to Ken Jowdy, our business partner, so there is no need at the time to be worried about anything. That money was loaned to Ken Jowdy to basically help some of the purchase of the Cabo property so we can get the funding. And then it was supposed to a short-term loan.

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Q When you first took out the \$1.7 million loan was the idea first that that was going to go towards Little Isle IV at the very beginning -- let me finish -- so at the very beginning did you understand, I'm taking out this loan even though it's going first to Little Isle, it's going to quickly go to be a short-term loan for the Mexico stuff?

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A I knew 100 percent it was going to Little Isle IV initially. Shortly after that the short-term loan was something that took place.

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Q So when you -- did you sign papers to take out a loan in that amount?

23

A Yes.

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Q When you signed those papers, where did you think that money was going?

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A It was going to a Capital account for Little

Peca confirms that he KNEW that the LOC funds were going to his Little Isle 4 Capital Account -- THUS Kenner (per the signed Peca Letter of Authorization) had the authority to access the entire LOC immediately -- if necessary...

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2 Isle IV.

3 Q At the time you signed the papers, did you  
4 think that Little Isle IV Capital Account for Hawaii was  
5 used to lend money to Jowdy for the Mexico stuff, or  
6 only later where that was a decision that was made?

7 A I can't remember exactly what the time frame  
8 was on those two things.

9 Q Were you consulted in advance about whether to  
10 use the money in the Little Isle IV Capital account to  
11 loan money to the Mexico project?

12 A I knew the short-term loan was made to  
13 Mr. Jowdy.

14 Q Did you know in advance of it being made?

15 A I probably did, I mean at the time if I was  
16 told about it, I probably would say, okay, sounds good.  
17 It was probably explained to me. I can't tell you  
18 definitely right now that I know the day or time of the  
19 conversation. As it was happening I wasn't like what  
20 happened to that, I didn't know it would happen. I kind  
21 of knew what we were doing.

22 Q Let me paraphrase, you're not sure if you were  
23 told but you basically approved of it. You wouldn't  
24 really have cared sounds like you're saying?

25 A Correct.

26 Q Then, you were getting into this before, so

Peca NEVER states (like in the 2015 EDNY testimony) that he learned about the loans to Jowdy the night before his very detailed GJ testimony

Peca confirms that the loaned funds to Jowdy NEVER came back...

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that money was loaned to Ken Jowdy because they were waiting for some kind of financing to come in?

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A Correct.

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Q And then it never came back?

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A Correct.

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Q So that money went back to the Little Isle IV?

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A It did not.

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Q What about the \$100,000 cash, did that go to Little Isle IV?

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A It did.

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Q What is the status of Little Isle IV?

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A We're part of a joint venture that still owns the property.

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Q What is the status of the investment there?

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A We've been busy with a lot of this stuff. I haven't cared to look at it yet. As far as I know it's land and it hasn't been developed yet.

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Q As far as you know your 1.7 million was that go to Little Isle IV at some point so they could use it?

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A It was all part of the land acquisition, yes.

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Q Obviously that 1.7 couldn't go there because it got tied up in Mexico project.

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A Correct.

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Q I want to make sure I understand it right. Was the idea you took out this big loan, \$1.7 million, was

Peca NEVER tells the GJ that the money was a "6 month thing" like he and his wife told the EDNY in 2015

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2 the idea that after the Mexico project solved its  
3 short-term problem, the money comes back to you and pays  
4 off the loan. Or was it that after the Mexico people  
5 solve their problem it goes to Hawaii and funds your  
6 investment out there?

7 THE WITNESS: Can I step out for a second? I  
8 want to understand it so you get the answer that  
9 you need.

10 THE FOREPERSON: Yes.

11 (Witness Temporarily Excused.)

12 (Time Noted: 11:04 a.m.)

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2 (Colloquy Precedes.)

3 (Witness Enters Room.)

4 (Time Noted: 11:10 a.m.)

5 THE FOREPERSON: I remind you, you are still  
6 under oath.

7 BY MR. DEVLIN-BROWN:

8 Q About five minutes or so ago you stepped out,  
9 you wanted to consult with your attorney to try to  
0 refresh your recollection on certain facts?

1 A The recollection is the two things were  
2 happening almost simultaneously. The loan by Lehman  
3 Brothers was held up, and the short-term loan was to  
4 make sure that loan was to come through. The loan to  
5 Mr. Jowdy was on a short-term basis. We had a real  
6 asset in Cabo, it pays different terms for us. We were  
7 able to make sure the land was acquired and we did get  
8 the loan from Lehman Brothers.

9 Q When did you make the investment in Little Isle  
10 IV, to the best of your knowledge?

11 A 2004, 2005 maybe.

12 Q I want to show you some documents, some of them  
13 I'll show you on the screen others I'll walk over to  
14 you.

15 Let me just ask you first, Northern Trust Bank?

16 A That's where the line of credit was out on for

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2 the Hawaii investment.

3 Q I'm showing you what's been marked as Grand  
4 Jury Exhibit 101, which says, "Investment management  
5 account agreement," with your name here, Michael Peca.  
6 I mostly want to ask you if it's your handwriting on  
7 here. Is that your signature?

8 A Yes.

9 Q March 21, 2005, does that seem like the time  
10 you would have taken out the loan?

11 A Sounds like it.

12 Q Do you remember signing these documents?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Did you authorize anyone to make, to have  
15 access to your Northern Trust loan account so they could  
16 make decisions as to how it could be used?

17 A Phil Kenner was power of attorney on the  
18 account, but nobody had the ability to make a decision  
19 on my account but me.

20 Q When you say that no one --

21 A His power of attorney privileges were limited  
22 to, "I need this wire, can you do it for me." Often  
23 times I'm traveling and didn't have the ability to do  
24 it.

25 Q Do you know if that was the instructions the  
26 bank had or was the bank told he could access the lines

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2 as he wished?

3 A No idea.

4 Q Let me show you this document, marked 102, Greg  
5 Cygan, do you know who that is?

6 A I don't know that person, no.

7 Q June 3, 2005, "The following is a list of  
8 standard adviser employees that are permitted to  
9 instruct Northern Trust with regard to client accounts,"  
10 signed by Phil Kenner and Christine -- how do you say  
11 the last name?

12 A Heirick. I believe she was an employee of  
13 Mr. Kenner's.

14 Q Had you met here?

15 A The only time I met her the time is when I flew  
16 from San Diego to El Rosario.

17 Q There is a Grand Jury Exhibit 103, which is a  
18 credit application. Is this your writing on the top?

19 A I didn't write that, no.

20 Q The same real estate investments, the amount  
21 1.775 million. Did you write that?

22 A I did not write that.

23 Q What about --

24 A That's all my writing there.

25 Q Just so the record is clear, I'm pointing to  
26 the "information about me" section. What about this

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signature dated December 26, 2007, is that your  
signature?

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A That is my signature.

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Q Do you recall completing any kind of financial  
statement in order to obtain the line of credit?

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A I remember them doing some due diligence. I  
don't remember exactly what was required at the time.

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Q I'm going to show you 104, personal financial  
statement. The first blank where it has your name and  
information, is that your handwriting?

12

A It is.

13

Q Then numbers written down on the page that says  
income statement, is that your writing?

15

A That is not my writing.

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Q Let me show you Grand Jury Exhibit 107,  
starting with the signature. Is that your signature?

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A It is.

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Q This letter is dated March 11, 2005,  
"Gentlemen, this letter is your authorization to allow  
Phillip A. Kenner to access my above-referenced line of  
credit." it says, "For line of credit, for direct  
deposit to the Little Isle IV account at Northern Trust,  
he is authorized to sign for the release of funds  
related to the line." Do you remember signing this?

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A I do.

Peca confirmed  
that he signed the  
**Letter of  
Authorization** for  
Kenner to access  
his LOC at NT  
Bank

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Confirmed his  
signature after  
receiving the  
document...

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Q Did you write this or was it written and given  
3 to you?

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A It was prepared for me, I read it, and signed  
5 it.

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Q Who prepared it for you?

7

A I'm not sure.

8

Q Who gave you it to?

9

A Phil.

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Q It references direct deposit to the Little Isle  
11 IV account. Is that what you were calling the Capital  
12 account?

13

A Correct.

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Q Do you know what kind of interest you were  
15 paying on the line of credit?

16

A Can't remember.

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Q To get this kind of line of credit, even though  
18 you were a professional hockey player, did you have to  
19 put up collateral?

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A The collateral, at the time I moved my bond  
21 account over to Northern Trust, which I think was just  
22 in excess of \$2 million or just under, to kind of use as  
23 collateral for the line of credit.

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Q Did you understand at the time if you didn't  
25 pay back the line ever credit the bank was going to take  
26 your bonds?

Peca confirmed FULL KNOWLEDGE fo the consequence of the LOC funds and the fact that the non-repayment of the Jowdy loan was a factor in the seizure...

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A Yes, and they did. What they took was just under \$2 million, I believe it was 2008, maybe after a while. We were just, when the loan, the short-term loan from Mr. Jowdy was not paid back, the line of credit time matured. They had taken what was loaned, I guess, lent to me plus interest.

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Q Let me show you what is marked Grand Jury Exhibit 106, which is the pledge agreement dated November 5, 2007. Kind of a technical document, do you remember signing documents putting up the bonds to secure the line of credit?

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A Uh-huh, yes. I was very well aware of that scenario.

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Q Is this your signature?

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A That is, yes.

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Q You say to do this you transferred the bonds from your Schwab account; is that right?

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A If it was Schwab, I think it was Schwab at that time, whatever it was in.

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Q Do you recall ever getting updates from Mr. Kenner in sort of written form, a little formal, about what was going on with the Little Isle IV project?

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A It was pretty informal.

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Q Do you recall getting letters or anything like that?

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Peca does NOT  
recall the July 2006  
disclosure doc he  
signed for the Hawaii  
deal -- although  
Peca's signature  
was faxed from his  
home fax  
machine... **See Peca  
signed July 2006  
LI4 disclosure  
letter (with Peca  
fax confirm)**

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A No.

Q Let me show you one letter and see if you  
recognize it. I'm going to mark this as Grand Jury  
Exhibit 110A. Take a look through that. On the last  
page it's signed by Phil Kenner.

A Do you want me to read what is highlighted?

Q Not necessarily, just look at it and see if it  
refreshes whether you got this or any similar update,  
it's dated 2006, about what was going on with the  
project.

(Witness reviewing document.)

A No, I don't recall this document.

Q Let's talk a little about some of the various  
litigation. You mentioned there was all kinds of  
litigation; is that right?

A Yes.

Q Are you party to some litigation?

A Not currently. We did have a suit against  
Mr. Jowdy that was filed in State of California.

Q Who you were a plaintiff in the lawsuit?

A Correct.

Q Who were the other plaintiffs generally?

A I believe Mr. Stevenson was one, there was  
maybe 15 to 20 guys, I think. You want me to go through  
all the names that I can? Rob.

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Q Were they all hockey players?

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A The majority.

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Q What happened in the lawsuit?

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A The case was dismissed without prejudice, so we have the ability to go back and file the suit, there was just a thing we were -- at the end of the day we're trying to get the accounting for the Lehman \$129 million loan and how that was used. We've yet to receive that information. That's been the frustration on our side all along.

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Q Do you know why the case was dismissed?

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A The lawyer can answer that better than I could.

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Q Same lawyer, Mr. Richards, represented you there?

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A Correct.

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Q Did he represent the other plaintiffs as well?

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A Yes, he did.

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Q Was Mr. Kenner one of the plaintiffs?

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A He was not.

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Q Were you deposed in that case?

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A I -- not for that case. The last time I was asked any questions was informally maybe year-and-a-half ago over-the-phone with, I think several district attorneys from this area, somebody from the SEC, nothing from that case.

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Q In that case you were not deposed?

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A I was not.

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Q Did someone seek to depose you or did you get a notice of deposition?

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A I did not.

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Q Do you know if the case was dismissed because certain plaintiffs were not appearing for their depositions, does that ring any bells for you?

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A That's not -- I know there was a question of, you know, Mr. Jowdy's side wanted to depose players that were in the Olympic. It was an inconvenience. They were playing in the Olympics, to take time to be deposed.

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Q That was not an issue for you?

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A I was retired at the time.

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Q Any other lawsuits that you're a party to?

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A Currently no that I can recall.

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Q Any former lawsuits to these things?

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A To these things, no.

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Q Who paid the attorneys fees in that lawsuit out in California?

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A We all took part in paying Mr. Richards.

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Q What about your fee for his representation of you in the Grand Jury, are you paying that or is someone else?

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2 A I am paying it, reluctantly.

3 MR. DEVLIN-BROWN: I propose excusing the  
4 witness for the moment. I'm going to ask the  
5 Grand Jurors if they have other questions. This  
6 might be it for you.

7 THE WITNESS: Okay.

8 MR. DEVLIN-BROWN: We'll call you back in if  
9 you we need you, otherwise you're excused.

10 You should know, however, that the Grand Jury's  
11 investigation is continuing so although -- I'm  
12 sure you hope this is not the case -- they may  
13 request that your testimony continue on a later  
14 date. We're excusing you pursuant to potentially  
15 coming back on a later date if there are more  
16 questions.

17 THE WITNESS: Okay.

18 MR. DEVLIN-BROWN: May I ask the witness be  
19 excused.

20 THE FOREPERSON: Yes.

21 (Witness Excused.)

22 (Time Noted: 11:24 a.m.)

23 (Colloquy Follows.)

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2 (Colloquy Precedes.)

3 (Witness Enters Room.)

4 (Time Noted: 11:28 a.m.)

5 THE FOREPERSON: I remind you, you are still  
6 under oath.

7 BY MR. DEVLIN-BROWN:

8 Q Just a few more questions for you. Do you know  
9 a hockey player Mr. Nolan?

10 A He was my roommate at the Olympics.

11 Q Do you know if he invested in Little Isle IV as  
12 well?

13 A I believe he did. I think. I don't have any  
14 evidence that he did, but I think he did.

15 Q Do you know if his line of credit -- if he took  
16 out a line of credit as well?

17 A I believe he did. He filed suit against  
18 Mr. Kenner, that was part of his complaint.

19 Q Do you know if his line of credit got paid off?

20 A I have no idea.

21 Q Would you have authorized your line of credit  
22 to be transferred to pay his line of credit off?

23 A I think, I don't think they came in separately  
24 to that extent. It was all in one account. If the  
25 money is in the account and something paid something, I  
26 don't know. I don't know how that process would work.

Peca confirms the  
(Capital Account  
process) money all  
went to the Little Isle 4  
account where he was  
aware bills were paid...

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Q Have you heard that that happened?

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A No. I got a document from Northern Trust at the time that said my line of credit expired and my money, and they were taking the money from that bond account.

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Q Do you know who Lewis Volpini is?

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A Never heard the name before.

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Q Do you know who Led Betterville is?

10

A No idea.

11

Q Do you know who Shaman Manbetzi is?

12

A I do not.

13

Q Do you know why any of those people would be getting money from the Little Isle IV capital account funded by your line and credit and other lines of credits?

17

A I don't.

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MR. DEVLIN-BROWN: No other questions.

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May I ask the witness be excused.

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THE FOREPERSON: Yes.

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(Witness Excused.)

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